

The Newbern Excursion.

A TRIP SOUTH FROM ABILENE THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL AND PROSPEROUS COUNTRY.

CAMBRIDGE, Kan., May 24, '84.
MR. REFLECTOR.—On the morning of the 20th inst., the writer, accompanied by five of Newbern's jolly boys, left the comfortable residence of Col. Swigart, full of glee, for a pleasant trip to the southern part of Kansas and into the Indian territory. Never did a set of fellows start out with more visions and schemes of success than we on that bright morning.

We hied away to the south at a good rate and soon found ourselves enjoying a glass of Haberin's best cider. Filled with indignation because we could not get any thing better than cider we laid whip, declaring that when we got out of the only temperance country in the state we would get something that would be a good internal application for snake bite.

About 11 o'clock it began to rain and continued until about 3, about which time we drove into Crane's ranch; stayed a short time and pulled out for Canton. We had equipped ourselves with guns and ammunition before starting and we now had a good chance to try our skill at shooting. As we saw three antelopes looking defiantly at us—"bang! bang!" went the various shooting irons, but the shots did not have the desired effect, as the antelopes bounded away a short distance, stopped and looked at us as if saying, "come on." We followed awhile until they seemed to get tired of the sport, and bidding us good-bye, were soon miles away. We were so badly picked up by those three quadrupeds that we determined to kill something; but after making about fifty shots at chickens, which seemed to be very plenty, we landed in Canton without any game. After seeing our teams well cared for in a good stable we took quarters for the night with Mr. Ashley, the gentlemanly proprietor of the Commercial House.

Canton is quite a nice little town of about 500 inhabitants. It has grown up in the last five years, has two churches, very many business houses and good land all around it, which is selling at \$16 to \$40 an acre. Next morning we bid adieu to Canton and started south. If the land we saw in McPherson county is a sample of the whole county, we certainly think it is one of the finest countries in the world. The wheat, which is the principle crop here, is looking fine. Leaving McPherson we crossed the south-western part of Marion, and were much more impressed with this than we were with the northern part over which we had traveled the day before. We got into Harvey county about noon, took dinner and started for Newton, the county seat. This is a fine town of about 5,000 inhabitants and chuck full of business. Continuing our course south we drew rein at the lively little town of Sedgwick and put up for the night. Sedgwick has a population of 800 and is situated in the heart of a beautiful country, which sells readily at \$25 to \$70 an acre. The writer is really in love with this place. We saw the earliest wheat in Harvey that we had yet seen—large fields all headed out and will undoubtedly soon invite the happy farmer to an abundant harvest. They raise a great deal of corn in this county and the bottom lands around Sedgwick are especially adapted to this cereal. Leaving Sedgwick we soon arrived at the thriving little village of Valley Center in Sedgwick county. From the great piles of cobs we saw here we should judge the whole county had been in corn, and indeed it is a wonderful corn country. We tarried a few moments viewing the little village with its 300 inhabitants, and then pulled out for the great metropolis, Wichita, which we reached about noon and whiled away three hours in the city which contains a population of 15,000. Its streets were lined with people, and from the buzz we should say Wichita is all business.

We soon arrived at Hayesville, and being tired we stopped for the night. After taking a good night's rest we started out fresh and vigorous. We soon saw about a thousand prairie dogs and our skillful marksmen amused themselves for quite a little while trying to bring these little fellows to time. The boys swore they put a hole through every one they shot at, but they failed to bring any to the wagon and we are inclined to think the little animals were not at all hurt.

Crossing the Squaw river, we soon came to the highlands of Sumner county. We could now see thousands of acres of the finest kind of land dotted here and there with the beautiful residences of the prosperous farmers. We put up for noon with an old temperance lecturer, and after spending an hour in pleasant conversation, mostly on prohibition, and learning from him that there were ten or twelve saloons running in Wellington, we made haste for that place. Wellington contains a busy population of 6,000 and is growing very rapidly. It has just completed a magnificent school building, and is erecting a court house that will cost \$100,000. It is destined to be a large city at no distant day. We now turned east and stayed all night at Oxford, a town of about 500 inhabitants situated on the Arkansas river. Sumner county is a fine body of land and its people are prosperous. Leaving Oxford a few moments brought us to the pontoon bridge across the Arkansas into Cowley county. After traveling ten miles over a very fine country we reached Winfield the county seat. This place is about like Abilene, with a population of 4,000. If Abilene had as good railroad facilities she would outstrip Winfield in a few years. Wishing the city many years of prosperity we resumed our journey over the roughest country we have ever seen in Kansas. I think there is enough stone between Winfield and Cambridge to fence every man's farm and have plenty left.

Since we left McPherson we find the peach trees loaded with fruit. Kansas is certainly a grand country. A few years ago this whole section was thought fit for only savages and wild beasts, but now it is converted into fine homes of a prosperous, intelligent and highly civilized people. The school house is within reach of every man's home and the church bells peal forth their tones inviting all to the worship of Him who preserved this grand country for us. Dickinson county, with all thy fault, we love thee still. A.B.C.

Why He Dodged.

Atchison Globe.
Rev. D. C. Milner of the Presbyterian church is going about with a sprained ankle, which really resulted from a step on a rolling stone, but the impious say it was caused by a lunge he made to get out of the way of a shadow which he took for Rev. A. B. Campbell.

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